

Patent claims

1. Method for fabricating a semiconductor structure having a plurality of gate stacks (GS1, GS2, GS3, GS4) on a semiconductor substrate (10), having the following steps:
5 application of the gate stacks (GS1, GS2, GS3, GS4) to a gate dielectric (11) above the semiconductor substrate (10);
10 formation of a sidewall oxide (17) on sidewalls of the gate stacks (GS1, GS2, GS3, GS4);
application and patterning of a mask (12) on the semiconductor structure; and
implantation of a contact doping (13) in a self-aligned manner with respect to the sidewall oxide (17) of the gate stacks (GS1, GS2) in regions not covered by the mask (12).
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2. Method according to claim 1,
20 characterized
in that, after the implantation of the contact doping (13), the sidewall oxide (17) is reduced in its lateral extent in regions not covered by the mask (12).
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3. Method according to claim 2,
characterized
in that the reduction of the extent of the lateral sidewall oxide (17') is followed by a further
30 implantation of different doping (18).
4. Method according to claim 3,

characterized

in that the further doping (18) is a p-type doping having a low concentration, preferably with a dopant concentration that is at least a power of ten lower than the contact doping concentration.

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5. Method according to claim 3,
characterized

10 in that the further doping (18) is a bit line halo doping implanted from a predetermined direction at a predetermined angle (α), preferably in the range of between 0° and 30° inclusive.

- 15 6. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized

in that the contact doping (13) is implanted at a predetermined angle (α) of $\alpha = 0^\circ$.

- 20 7. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized

in that the contact doping (13) is an n-type doping having a high concentration, for example having an implantation dose of about 10^{14} to $3 \cdot 10^{15}/\text{cm}^2$, preferably with arsenic.

- 25 8. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized

30 in that a removal of the mask (12) is followed by an implantation of a, preferably identical, dopant having a lower dopant concentration than that of the contact doping (13).

9. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the gate stacks (GS1, GS2, GS3, GS4) are
applied approximately equidistantly with respect to
one another, a storage capacitor (TK) being
arranged alternately below every third or first
adjacent gate stack (GS3, GS4) in the semiconductor
substrate (10) in a cross-sectional plane.
10. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the method is used for fabricating logic
transistors.
11. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the method is used for fabricating
selection transistors, preferably of a DRAM.
12. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the gate stacks (GS1, GS2) are fabricated
with a length of less than 200 nm.
13. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the gate stacks (GS1, GS2) are provided
parallel and in strip-type fashion on the
semiconductor substrate (10).
14. Method according to one of the preceding claims,
characterized

in that the gate stacks (GS1, GS2) have a lower first layer (14) made of polysilicon and an overlying second layer (15) made of a metal silicide or a metal.

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15. Method according to one of the preceding claims, characterized

in that the gate stacks (GS1, GS2) are created by carrying out an application and patterning of the first layer (14), the overlying second layer (15) and a third layer (16) arranged thereon on the gate dielectric (11).

16. Method according to claim 15, characterized

in that the third layer (16) has silicon nitride or oxide.